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1. [REDACTED]
2. A Soviet adviser was attached to the agency of the East German Ministry of the Interior which supervises the KVP transportation control headquarters, established with all RBDs. The chief of this agency is KVP Colonel Watzdorf. The Soviet liaison officer ordered that the following information be brought up to date:
- a) information on the carrying capacity of railroad lines;
 - b) tabulation of axle pressures permitted on railroad lines;
 - c) railroad bridge lists;
 - d) water stations;
 - e) railroad repair installations. 2

3. [REDACTED] source gathered the impression that it is intended to have all posts at the East German Railroad Administration occupied by reliable SED members.

4. [REDACTED] the following railroad coal stocks, expressed in daily requirements, were available between 26 and 31 March 1954:

RBD	26th	27th/28th	29th	30th	31st
Berlin	6.1	5.6	5.9	6.1	6.2
Greifswald	10.2	9.5	9.2	9.1	8.9
Schwerin	6.5	6.4	6.3	6.4	7.0
Magdeburg	5.8	5.7	5.9	6.1	5.9
Halle	5.8	5.7	5.9	6.1	5.9
Erfurt	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.4	5.9
Dresden	6.8	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.6
Cottbus	6.0	5.9	6.0	6.1	6.3
GDR Average	6.2	6.0	6.1	6.2	6.4

1. Comment. A total of 374 locomotives and approximately 2,000 railroadmen organized into locomotive columns and brigades have been made available by the East German railroad administration for the handling of Soviet transit traffic through

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